

REMARKS

Examiner Joerger is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Office Interview on July 24, 2007.

The Interview Summary is believed to accurately reflect what was discussed and agreed to during the Interview.

Reconsideration of the rejections of Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Davidson (U.S. Patent No. 4,235,367) and Claims 6, 9, 11, 14 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Davidson in view of Steinacker et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2,828,069) is hereby requested. As stated in the Interview Summary, "Claims 1, 15 and 16 as amended to include the ring disk feature appear to overcome the applied prior art and appear to put the application in condition for allowance...". Claims 1, 15 and 16 have been so amended and are considered to be in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 7, 13, 14, 17 and 18 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 11 and 12 have been amended to change their dependencies.

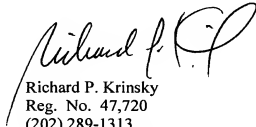
Dependent Claims 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8-12 depend from Claim 1 and dependent Claim 19 depends from Claim 16 and each dependent claim is considered to be allowable for at least the same reason their respective independent claims as well as for their own limitations as well, and such is respectfully requested.

Submitted concurrently herewith is a Second Submission of Formal Drawings as a Replacement Sheet for Figures 1 and 2, previously submitted on March 26, 2007 but not acknowledged in the Office Action mailed on April 13, 2007.

Based upon the above, the application and Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-12, 15, 16 and 19 are in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (677/41956).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Krinsky", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosures: Amendment to the Claims

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